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In the claims:

1.(currently amended) A low visual noise pulse width modulation illumination

control circuit for controlling the illumination of light-emitting diodes inside a liquid

crystal display, comprising:

an illumination control pulse-generating unit, for receiving an

illumination-adjusting signal and generating an illumination control pulse signal

according to the illumination-adjusting signal, wherein a duty cycle of the

illumination control pulse signal varies with time within a predetermined range; and

a DC/DC converter, coupled to the illumination control pulse-generating unit

for driving the light-emitting diodes according to the illumination control pulse signal.

2. (original) The control circuit of claim 1, wherein the illumination control

pulse-generating unit further comprises:

a noise generator, for generating a noise signal;

an analogue adder, coupled to the noise generator for receiving the

illumination-adjusting signal and the noise signal to produce a noise signal loaded

illumination-adjusting signal; and

a comparator, coupled to the analogue adder for comparing the noise signal

loaded illumination-adjusting signal with a triangular wave to produce the

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illumination control pulse signal.

3. (currently amended) The control circuit of claim 2, wherein the level of the

noise signals can be varied generated by amplifying a thermal noise produced by a

resistor comprised in the noise generator.

4. (currently amended) A low visual noise pulse width modulation illumination

control circuit for controlling the illumination of light-emitting diodes inside a liquid

crystal display, comprising:

an illumination control pulse-generating unit, for receiving an

illumination-adjusting signal and generating an illumination control pulse signal

according to the illumination-adjusting signal, wherein the a frequency of the

illumination control pulse signal varies with time within a predetermined range; and

a DC/DC converter, coupled to the illumination control pulse-generating unit

for driving the light-emitting diodes according to the illumination control pulse signal.

5. (original) The control circuit of claim 4, wherein the illumination control

pulse-generating unit is implemented using a microprocessor.

6. (canceled)

7. (new) A low visual noise pulse width modulation illumination control

circuit for controlling the illumination of light-emitting diodes inside a liquid crystal

display, comprising:

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illumination control pulse-generating unit, for receiving

illumination-adjusting signal and generating an illumination control pulse signal

according to the illumination-adjusting signal, wherein a phase shift of the

illumination control pulse signal varies with time within a predetermined range; and

a DC/DC converter, coupled to the illumination control pulse-generating unit

for driving the light-emitting diodes according to the illumination control pulse signal.

8. (new) A low visual noise pulse width modulation illumination control

circuit for controlling the illumination of light-emitting diodes inside a liquid crystal

display, comprising:

illumination control pulse-generating an unit.

illumination-adjusting signal and generating an illumination control pulse signal

according to the illumination-adjusting signal, wherein a phase shift, a frequency and

a duty cycle of the illumination control pulse signal varies with time simultaneously

within a predetermined range; and

a DC/DC converter, coupled to the illumination control pulse-generating unit

for driving the light-emitting diodes according to the illumination control pulse signal.